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## OUR NEW DRESS.

Today THE STANDARD, at the early age of twelve weeks, discards its swaddling clothes and dons a new dress, and, even like the gentler sex, it has cast off its winter head-gear and comes out in the coveted new spring bonnet. True, it has had nothing but good, kind words for its former get-up, and complimentary well-wishes for its future, but its editors, in the endeavor to keep up with their promises, think that the addition of this new head-gear, and the changes otherwise made in its columns of this issue, will aid in giving to their readers later, better, more select and original news than heretofore.

Everybody knows that this is a National, State and county campaign year, when politics will run high from Maine to Texas, and that very laudable trait, American curiosity, will be exercised to its uttermost by each and every one. The sober-sided old farmer as well as the capitalist and the wire-working politician will want the news—the very latest news—of everything that is going on in this progressive nineteenth century. We are not, like our forefathers, content with the home happenings around us, interspersed with, now and then, a city news sheet giving a synopsis of far-away foreign news, but we anxiously await each and every mail and can every telegram in daily news sheets so as to satisfy this innate curiosity.

THE STANDARD will endeavor to give a regular weekly synopsis of the very latest at home and abroad. We trust our readers will like the changes now made, and will appreciate the spirit of improvement labored for by its proprietors. If they are satisfied we are content.

## THE COMING CAMPAIGN.

Already the political pot is beginning to simmer. From every State newspaper columns come to us filled with political suggestions and wise forecasts in regard to the coming campaign. Nothing definite is yet known as to who will be the leaders, National, State or county, of either the Democratic or Republican parties, although it is generally conceded that the popularity of President Cleveland's one-idea message will make him his own successor in the Democratic ranks. The Labor and Prohibition elements that have of late come to the front demanding recognition in National political circles, independent of other political organizations, are credited with no shadow of success save only so far as their influence may be felt in taking from or adding to the majorities of the two great leading parties. The alliance among our farmers of the South will in no wise affect the majorities of former years for the Democracy, but their course will be so shaped that the agricultural interests of the country will be advanced, not through a new party, but the old one to which a majority of them have so long held allegiance.

It is very natural for aspirants for office, irrespective of party, to put on the sociable-hand-shake-inquiry-after-the-family-dodge in each election, and by the way of securing the gentle home influence of every voter some of these same seekers after place add the just-like-it's-father-kissing-the-baby act. Now to common sense people this is a little sickening, and we hope that voters generally will set down hard, right hard, on these honey-fugging, baby-kissing, button-holing bidders for public favor.

## RATHER SENTIMENTAL.

An exchange says: "Many a weary youth, sitting in his solitary room at midnight, and driving a big needle through a button with the back of his jack knife, is wondering whether he will be doing his own sewing in 1889." What a pity such a thing has found its way into print! It no doubt will persuade many a "weary" and poor "youth," who needs no wife, that he should at once "fly around." "Instead of wondering whether he will be doing his own sewing in 1889" he should be wondering if a cow, a cook-stove, a frying-pan, skillet, a home and many other things could be easily paid for. Too many children getting married anyway, and not a few are making desperate efforts. A little more apron-string is sadly needed in these days and times.

## EVERY ONE TO THE FRONT!

The opening scenes are upon us. In a short time we will be called upon to rally to the support of the several standard-bearers. Who will they be? Let every Democrat come to the front and say.

In some respects the coming campaign will be to the South of more bearing and importance than those in the past, the record of a President of our own faith to endorse, and those of the governors that have guided and anchored our ship of State for a number of years. And, too, many representatives of other departments of government will demand our attention. Commence, fellow-citizens, right at the township conventions! In the primaries every man has the right to speak, to suggest and to resolve. Let him go, and there say his say. Stay at home, give the great questions no thought, at the tail-end jump in, and trouble and discord are sure to follow. Commence right at the beginning and go the entire way without flinching!

In the name of harmony, and especially that of success, we appeal to all good, intelligent and hard-working Democrats that they go to the primaries.

## STATE PRIDE.

Texas is not such a small State, and she does things on no small scale. The new State capitol, soon to be completed, is a grand structure, reaching up four feet above the capitol at Washington. For this magnificent structure the State has not paid one cent of money. The work is all being done by a syndicate for 3,000,000 acres of land, which virtually amounts to nothing, since she has one hundred and seventy millions of acres left. The State has a balance in its treasury, too, of about \$9,000,000.

SOME time past a newspaper from one of our neighboring States contained the following paragraph in reference to one of its State judges:

"As a judge, gentle as a lamb, amiable as a dove, just as Brutus, and pure as chastity."

"Such a mess" as this is enough to make man sick unto death. It sounds like the flowery swell of some budding school-boy orator. To attribute to a common sense judge who does only his duty the characteristics of a "lamb" and a "dove," and to cap the climax by publishing to the people his chastity is boundlessly disgusting. It is, as a divine used to say, "passing strange" how some people go off in fits of ecstasy over the fact that in some instances we have even a "just judge."

Two colored women are reported as having a prize fight in Beaufort county to decide which was the owner in fee of a colored gentleman in dispute. We have not heard which one got the coin.—Statesville Mail (Republican.)

Ere the idea of November, when the coming campaign warms up, this "coon" "et id genus omne" will receive the oft reiterated promise of "forty acres and a mule" by those who now nickname him and his manhood will be praised for his vote. 'Tis strange that an exponent of the G. O. P. should thus early in a campaign year call the strength of his party in North Carolina by such an endearing name.

We are all more or less interested in the educational advancement of our State. On this alone hinges our mental, moral and pecuniary worth, and the ground work of progressive education in North Carolina is our common schools. On our first page we commence the publication of a series of articles on the "Public Schools," by Major Finger, Superintendent of Public Instruction. They are well worth perusal by each and every one. Major Finger has made a special study of our school system, and we recommend these articles to our readers as from one in every way fitted to discuss the subject fairly and intelligently.

Mayor Hewitt refused the application to hoist a foreign flag over the City Hall of New York. In the justification of his refusal, says the Charlotte Chronicle, he shows some facts that are very significant. He points out the fact that only 20 per cent. of the population of New York were born of American parents. Forty per cent. were born abroad and 40 per cent., though native born, are children of parents who are one or both aliens. Therefore the kindly and yet loyal American Mayor would at least remind all of what-ever clime that New York is part and parcel of the United States by flying the Stars and Stripes.

## DEATH OF CHIEF JUSTICE WAITE.

He Dies Suddenly and Unexpectedly. Acute Pneumonia His Disease—End of a Prominent Life—His Noble Record.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—MORRISON R. Waite, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, died very suddenly at six o'clock this morning from acute pneumonia. He died without a moment's warning in the presence of only a professional nurse.

On Saturday night the 10th inst. the Chief Justice walked to the home of Senator Hearst, because of the illness of his coachman. He also walked home. Next morning he complained of feeling unwell and a physician was summoned, who announced that he was suffering from a slight cold. He remained in the house during Sunday, and when Monday came he conferred with two of the Associate Justices and his physician, and determined to go to court because of the decision to be delivered in the telephone case, deciding, however, that he would not read the decision, but would transfer the duty to Justice Blackford. The exposure consequent on this journey accentuated the cold, and on Tuesday he was advised to go to bed. Nothing serious was expected, but on Wednesday Miss Waite decided to telegraph her brother, Mr. C. C. Waite, of Cincinnati, who arrived on Thursday afternoon. Surgeon Ruth, of the United States Navy, the physician in attendance and a friend of the family, advised Mr. Waite on his arrival that it would be advisable to call in another physician in consultation. At that Dr. Gardner was summoned, and the result was that last night at midnight the patient and family were assured that there was no danger. At 5:30 o'clock this morning the nurse heard the Chief Justice moan, and on going to the bedside was informed that he felt pretty well. The nurse retired, and a half hour later, hearing a gasp, ran to the bedside and found him a corpse.

Mr. Waite and Miss May Waite were immediately brought into the room, but too late; the father was dead. Mrs. Waite, the Chief Justice's wife, was in California at the time of her husband's death, but left immediately for the East on being informed of his death.

## OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE DEATH OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The following official notice of the death of Chief Justice Waite has been issued by the Department of State: "To the People of the United States: The painful duty devolves upon the President to announce the death at an early hour this morning, at his residence in this city, of Morrison R. Waite, Chief Justice of the United States, which exalted office he had filled since March 4, 1874, with honor to himself and high usefulness to his country. In testimony of respect to the memory of the honored dead, it is ordered that the executive offices in Washington be closed on the day of the funeral and be draped in mourning for thirty days, and that the national flag be displayed at half-mast on the public buildings and on all national vessels on the day of the funeral. GROVER CLEVELAND, "By the President."

## A NOBLE RECORD.

Morrison Remih Waite was the seventh Chief Justice of the United States, and was born in Lyme, Conn., November 29, 1816. He graduated at Yale College in 1837, and studied and began to practice in Maumee City, Ohio. In 1849 he was a member of the Legislature, and in 1850 he removed to Toledo. He declined repeated nominations to Congress and also a seat on the supreme bench of the State. In 1871-'2 he was one of counsel of the United States before the tribunal of arbitration at Geneva. In 1872 he presided over the constitutional convention of Ohio. On January 21, 1874, he became Chief Justice of the United States, and has since resided at Washington.

The circumstances of Judge Waite's appointment and confirmation are still fresh in the memory of observant men of this generation, and they formed a striking episode of the time. President Grant had nominated successively Williams and Caleb Cushing, both of whom, after the pendency of their nominations some time in the Senate, were withdrawn, and Mr. Waite, not then very well known to the world at large, was nominated. He had been an Independent Republican candidate for Congress against one of Mr. Sumner's warm personal friends, and had incurred the enmity of Mr. Sumner, who at that time entertained no very friendly relations towards the Grant administration. The proceedings of the Senate, though more than a dozen years have elapsed since then, are still covered by the veil of executive session secrecy, yet it was well known that Mr. Sumner's speech in opposition to Mr. Waite was one of the great efforts of that remarkable man's life. He dwelt historically upon the eminent services and attainments of each one in the long line of incumbents of the office of Chief Justice, and spoke in bitter terms of disparagement of Mr. Waite's qualifications. Sixty-three Senators were present, and listened for two hours with absorbed attention to the Senator from Massachusetts. No voice was raised in defense of the nominee, yet when the question of confirmation came to a vote, which was immediately upon the conclusion of Mr. Sumner's speech, sixty-two Senators voted in the affirmative, and Mr. Sumner did not vote at all.

How far astray Mr. Waite's opponents were, in their estimate of his character and attainments is strikingly displayed in the sentiments expressed by public men who have known him. Senator Vest says: "I had a very high opinion of Chief Justice Waite. He was one of the best men I ever knew—a most excellent lawyer and a very just man. He possessed an eminently judicial mind and was peculiarly fitted for his position. I knew him well and deeply deplore his death." Senator Everts said: "I was greatly surprised as well as grieved this morning to learn of the fatal result of an illness which all his friends had hoped would not prove serious. There is an universal agreement in personal affection and respect for the Chief Justice and grief at the loss. His death will be regarded by the judiciary and the profession of the country as a great calamity."

Senator Hawley, of Connecticut, when told of the Chief Justice's death, said: "Fully sharing in the general sorrow, the people of Connecticut have their own reasons for an added grief. The families of the late Chief Justice and his wife are among the oldest in our State. He was born and educated there. His father was for twenty-two years our Chief Justice, and both father and son were jurists of sound learning and spotless character, and had a strength, symmetry and balance of intellectual and moral qualities which gave them a success that so-called genius often fails to reach."

A census has just been completed of Danville and North Danville, Va., showing a combined population of nearly 16,000. This is an increase of nearly 4,000 over the census made by the same persons in 1885. In the death of Rev. J. W. Pratt, D. D., of Louisville, Ky., who died at his home in this city on last Saturday, the Southern Presbyterian church has lost one of its most widely known and ablest divines. The new California method of preserving fruit is simple, and said to be excellent. Wide-mouthed bottles are filled with fresh, sound raw fruit and securely corked. No sugar, water, or anything is added. The bottles are then placed in cold water, which is brought to a boil, and gently boiled for ten minutes. It is claimed that the fruit preserved in this way will keep for years. There is an International Council of woman suffragists in session in Washington City this week composed mainly, of course, of females. It is said to be remarkable chiefly for the good clothes of its members. Good looks are at a discount. Masculine femininity doesn't run to beauty. There is said to be only one possibly good looking female woman suffragist in the country, and that is Miss Phoebe Cousins, of St. Louis, who is herself now approaching middle age and growing too stout to be pretty. If this fact doesn't keep the girls from embracing the craze that has brought about the Washington convention we do not know what will.—News and Observer.

Mr. Charles Dickens, son of the eminent author of the same name, read in Wilmington Saturday evening, before a large and appreciative audience, five chapters of "David Copperfield," and Bob Sawyer's party in "Pickwick." Mr. Dickens began his readings in New York in October last and has since appeared in ninety-six cities of the country, including quite a number of the leading southern towns. He says, according to the Messenger, that nowhere in the United States has he found his audiences more intelligent or appreciative than in the South. He finds that southern audiences have quick perception and are opportune in demonstrating their appreciation. He went from Wilmington to New York. We are sorry he did not come this way.

A decree authorizing Crown Prince William to represent the Emperor in the transaction of official business, in the event of the Emperor being unable to act for himself, will shortly be issued and proclaimed throughout the German Empire. The decree is dated March 21, and is addressed to Crown Prince William. It permits the Crown Prince to prepare and discharge all state business entrusted to him by the Emperor, and he is empowered to affix all necessary signatures, as the representative of the Emperor, without obtaining special authority upon each occasion. The first cabinet council under the new Emperor was held Friday. The ministers took the oath of allegiance to the King of Prussia. A proclamation granting amnesty to political offenders is being prepared.

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## STATE NEWS.

North Carolina asks the general government for five public buildings to cost \$625,000.

Charlotte is soon to issue an illustrated handbook of her advantages and resources.

A permanent Fair Association, with a capital of \$25,000, has been organized at Newberne.

The Citizen is informed that half the peach crop in that vicinity of Asheville has been killed.

The North Carolina Teachers' Assembly now numbers 3,500 members. Every township in the State is said to be represented in it.

Much interest is felt in the counties on Pamlico sound in the project to cut through Ocracoke inlet, so as to permit the entry of large vessels.

The executive committee of the North Carolina Agricultural Society have fixed the time of the next State Fair for October 16, 17, 18 and 19.

Wilmington is taking preliminary steps in the direction of an industrial school, and, it is claimed, will press the scheme to a successful conclusion.

Mr. David Ramsaur, a prominent citizen of Lincoln county, died at his home, about two miles from Lincolnton, on last Sunday evening, in his 72nd year.

News was received here yesterday of the death, on Sunday at the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, of Rev. Jacob Utley, a venerable and estimable Baptist minister.

A capitalist from New Jersey has purchased the Long Island factory, in Catawba county, and will establish a hosiery manufactory, giving employment to 150 persons.

Solid blocks of stone 10x15 feet are being furnished by the Wadesboro Brown Stone Company, for the Maryland State House at Annapolis. Each block is valued at \$500.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ross have been greatly afflicted during the past week, in the illness of their lovely child, Galloway. He is better, and we trust will soon be quite well again.

Arrangements have been perfected by which all-rail route North for truck from the Newberne section has been secured, so that it will be transported in twelve or eighteen hours' less time than ever before.

Bishop Hargrove laid the cornerstone of our new church at Chihuahua, Mexico, January 25th. This will be the first church on foreign soil helped by our Board of Church Extension.—Raleigh Christian Advocate.

Truckers are badly hurt by the continued cold weather, and say that there will be more than half a crop of the early varieties of strawberries, and that even the Irish potatoes are badly damaged, the seed rotting in the ground.—Wilmington Star.

The Charlotte Chronicle says Wm. E. McGinn, who killed J. Leroy Elliott in an affray at the Capp's Hill gold mine, Mecklenburg county, on the 13th inst., was lodged in jail on Saturday at Charlotte, having been captured by J. C. Bowman, Friday, at the residence of James McGinn, near Mt. Holly.

Fire broke out at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, in the planing mill of A. Whitener & Son, at Hickory, and the mill was completely destroyed, involving a loss of \$1,000 upon which there was no insurance. Fry, Henman & Co., also lost about \$600 in machinery stored in the mill building, with no insurance.—Charlotte Chronicle.

Rev. Rosser Lide, colored, jumped in a well at the house of a colored man two or three miles north of Wadesboro, Sunday morning last, with suicidal intent. The chilly water brought him to his wits, and he scrambled out. Domestic infelicity is said to have been the cause of the rash attempt at ducking himself.—Wadesboro Intelligencer.

Eight miles from Durham last Saturday a daring highway robbery was perpetrated, the victim being Mr. John W. Bowls, a well-known farmer. In passing along a road he was met by a negro, who fired at him three times. The negro then knocked him down by a blow on the head with a club and robbed him of \$80. It is the most daring robbery known to have occurred in Durham county.

At last a definite step has been taken in the matter of securing the building of the proposed railroad from Charlotte to some outlet in the East, and books for subscription are to be opened forthwith at different points along the proposed line. This arrangement was effected at a meeting of the commissioners under the old charter, held in the city yesterday. The charter for the road was granted by the Legislature of 1872-'3, and is to be found in chapter xcii. of the acts of that session. The secretary was directed to make the necessary advertisement for the opening of subscription books, and the following parties were appointed to open the books at the places named: In Cabarrus county—Pioneer Mills, Col. J. C. Barnhardt; Bost's Mill, L. Bost; Mt. Pleasant, J. C. Cook, G. R. P. Miller.—Charlotte Chronicle.

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